



**100 years ago
but 6 feet apart:
That could be us!**

The world has changed again,
since our last newsletter.

We hope you are healthy and safe!

The League persists, facing new
challenges, adapting with new ways
to stay connected and current.

April, 2020

Your Steering Committee continues
to meet, but via ZOOM - a first in the
history of the LWVH!
We hope to "see" you soon!



Date Changes & Action Updates

Monday, June 22: Hingham Town Meeting. 7 pm.
Saturday, June 27: Hingham Town Election

We have contacted Town Clerk Eileen McCracken, offering to help in whatever
way she needs to manage changes in election processes. She will let us know
what we can do, as decisions are made in the near future.

Per the newly signed elections bill S.2608, citizens can register to vote online
up to June 17 and all eligible voters will be able to vote early by mail.

ENCOURAGE 18-year-olds & new residents to REGISTER TO VOTE!!!

U.S. Census

Don't forget to complete your Census form!!!
my2020census.gov

LWVH Candidates Forum

Original date: April 15. It will be postponed until early June and recorded and/or
offered live via ZOOM. *Organizer Chris Wilk asks us to please [email her](#)
questions for the candidates for Selectman and School Committee.*

State of the State

We were sorry to have to postpone the State of the State discussion with our
local legislators, and will look for another opportunity to meet with them.

The League at Linden Ponds

The program originally scheduled for May 18, a repeat of the wonderful
presentation at the Historical Society about Suffrage on the South Shore, will
be rescheduled. We are also planning a program to introduce the work of the
League to residents of Linden Ponds.

LWV of Hingham Annual Meeting

Original Date: May 13

POSTPONED to Wednesday, September 30 at South Shore Country Club
The current Steering Committee and budget will stay in place until then.

May 13 @ 7:30 pm: LWVH Sip'n'Chat!

So, we can't have an Annual Meeting on May 13?
But we've all reserved that date, and September seems so far away?
Well, find a cozy chair, pour a little something, and settle in for a Sip 'n' Chat!!

Look for an invitation email the day before with a ZOOM link and join us at 7:30
pm on Wednesday, May 13. If you haven't used ZOOM yet, don't worry - you
just click on the link and it will bring you right in. No need to have the app. We
will see each other and be able to talk, more or less, as a group.

Hosted by your Steering Committee, we will catch up briefly on League news
and then just chat about how we have been handling this unique time in our life.
Is it making you look at things differently? Special challenges? Silver linings?

*Until then, we hope you all stay safe and healthy, and please let any of us know
if you need help of any kind!!*

Where We Stand: League Advocacy

From LWV MA:

The State House is closed to the public, and legislative staff and most
legislators are working remotely. The emergency bills are being passed in
"informal sessions," which do not require a full vote by members on the floor
(though any single member can block passage of a bill under those
circumstances). For at least the month of April, we expect that the legislature
will be focused on bills to address the specific needs created by the coronavirus
emergency, and then legislators will begin to deal with the budget and the
changes that will be needed in the face of an expected revenue shortfall due to
the crisis. For those reasons, LWVMA advocacy will be limited for the near
future; most of the bills we are following will not be considered any time soon.

The Massachusetts Coalition against Gun Violence asks you to contact
Governor Baker's office and urge him to clarify and enforce his decision to
classify gun stores as non-essential businesses which should remain closed
during the pandemic. Allowing gun stores to be open is a threat with increased
risk of death from domestic violence, suicides and unintentional shootings given
the current stress and isolation. Call 617-725-4005 or [email the Governor](#).

**The National, State and Local Leagues of Women Voters continue to be
concerned about ensuring voting rights in local and national elections.**

FROM LWV US:

Over the weekend, the League [joined voting rights partners in calling for
measures to be taken to protect our democracy](#). This includes the expansion of
early voting and no-excuse absentee mail-in ballots, including providing funding
for mailing ballots to every American in a crisis, and funding for the Election
Assistance Commission. We have also supported provisions to protect our
communities, public health, and workers by providing paid sick and emergency
leave, providing flexibility in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
(SNAP) assistance, providing emergency unemployment compensation, and
requiring flexible and affordable health provisions from private insurers.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization. As an
organization, we do not support or oppose candidates or political parties.
The League encourages informed and active participation in government,
works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences
public policy through education and advocacy. Through study and consensus
around issues, we advocate for change.

We are a three-tier organization, National, State and our local Hingham League. We
hold Candidates Forums, the Town Meeting Warrant Review, register voters, meet
with our Legislators and hold a variety of public education forums, to encourage all
to have a voice in their government.

Stay Connected

- Visit the [LWV of Hingham website](#) for local opportunities and events.
- Visit the [LWV of Massachusetts website](#) for a wealth of information and
resources about pending legislation, advocacy efforts, League positions
on issues and MUCH more. Sign up for their monthly informative Mass.
Action Newsletter!
- [JOIN the League!!](#) Local Hingham League membership automatically
enrolls you in the State and National Leagues as well. Sign up [here!](#)

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*Every contribution counts and helps support our efforts to encourage the
informed and active participation of citizens in government. Thank you!*



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